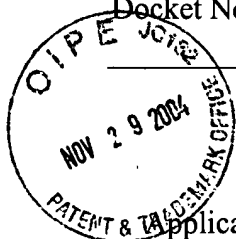


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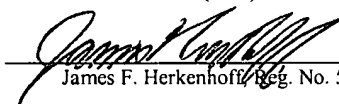
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment in 9 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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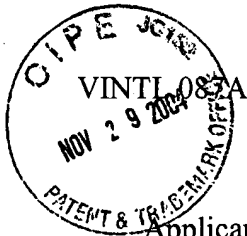
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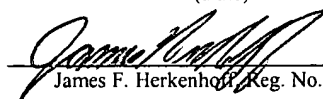
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 7.